

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Hiroyuki Kanemitsu  
Serial No : 10/724,883  
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For : DRIVING SUPPORT SYSTEM, DRIVING SUPPORT  
APPARATUS AND DRIVING SUPPORT METHOD  
Art Unit : 3661  
Examiner : Brian J. Broadhead

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

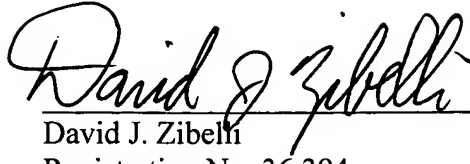
In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner give a statement of reasons for allowance that reads “The prior art of record does not disclose a running vector of a third vehicle behind the second vehicle is corrected using acceleration information on the second vehicle. The prior art doesn’t recognize that if the second vehicle is slowing down then the vehicle following it will soon be decelerating lessening it’s threat.”

However, claim 1 as allowed states “the running vector of the second vehicle is corrected using velocity information on a third vehicle running ahead of the second vehicle.” The claim states that the third vehicle is running ahead of the second vehicle, not that the third vehicle is behind the second vehicle as indicated in the statement of reasons for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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